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DEATH.

On the 26th September, at the Royal Naval Hospital,

H.M.S. Victor, Commodore, aged 32 years.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1887.

Among the most important questions with

which the Land Commission had to deal was

that of the occupation by the Military and

Naval Authorities of a large section of land

in the middle of Victoria. Since the ejection

of the Chinese from the old Canton

Bazaar and other houses within the Military

cantonments, the town has, as the Com-

mission observe, been more completely di-

vided than ever. The presence of the canton-

ments in the middle of the town is regarded

by many persons as an obstacle to the de-

velopment of the eastern portion of Victoria,

and until the Praya is continued past the

Naval and Military establishments this must

remain an undesirable fact. Indeed, we

may go farther and admit that the inter-

position of the Garrison between the two

great business portions of the town may to

some extent, even with a continuous Praya,

retard the development of the eastern dis-

trict. But if the scheme for the reclamation

of the Praya foreshadowed by the Hon.

C. P. CHATER be carried out, and a similar

reclamation be simultaneously made east-

ward from the Swimming Bath to the Police

Station at the junction of the Wanchai Road

with the Praya this would open up a suf-

ficient connection with East Point to ensure

a considerable development of the city in that

direction as well as affording scope for

a large increase in the house accommoda-

tion and growth of population. Sooner

or later it may be one decade or it

may be two—the ground now occupied

by the cantonments will be absolutely

required, and the Military will have to

move; but at present, however desirable

the colonists may consider it, the War

Office are not likely to sanction the removal

of the troops. There are several reasons

why they stick to their present quarters,

most of which are mentioned by General

CAXTON in his despatch on the subject.

First and foremost, the health of the troops

would, they consider, be injuriously affected

by removing them to new buildings erected

on excavated sites. The mortality formerly

suffered by the troops in Hongkong from

fever, said to be due to earth contact, is duly

recorded in the War Office archives, and will

be both to incur the chance of a repetition

of that outbreak. The Military Author-

ities also regard it as essential to the effi-

cient protection of the colony that the troops

should be located where they are most ac-

cessible if required to suppress any rising of

the Chinese mob. This is a danger happily

very remote, but experience has shown, both

here and in the Straits Settlements, that it

is not an impossible contingency. There is

a large element of lawlessness among the lower

classes here, and the Secret Societies are

fruitful sources of danger sometimes.

Nevertheless, we see no reason why more

barracks should not be erected higher up

the hills, and the premises on the northern

slope of Queen's Road given up to the public.

Of course it would be necessary to leave one

block, with communication through to the

water, to the Military, but the remainder

might well be surrendered for sufficient com-

penetration.

With regard to the Naval buildings, we

are glad to note that Commodore MORANT,

in his remarks on the question—which are

moreover, endorsed by Admiral Sir FREDERICK

HAMILTON—expresses the opinion that it

would be advantageous to the service if the

lent shelter, plenty of land, and some

capital sites could be obtained on the

hills above for the residence of the staff.

Some few aqueducts and boat builders would

have to be evicted, but the vested interests

there are small, and no difficulties in the

shape of compensation and the destruction

of valuable buildings would be encountered.

The Naval Authorities would be the gainers

in point of convenience, though the staff

would probably grumble at the change.

The removal of the Naval Yard to the Kow-

loon side would at once and satisfactorily

remove the last obstacle in the way of mak-

ing the Praya continuous along the whole

foreshore of the city, and, as we have shown,

this reclamation might be made a very ex-

tensive one at a comparatively low cost, the

water being exceedingly shallow all along from

the Recreation Club premises to Wanchai. It

is to be hoped that the Government will

use its utmost to bring this matter to a head

without delay in order that the reclamation

eastward may be carried out at the same time

as that projected westward to the Gas

Works. The question with regard to the

future location of the Garrison can, if these

schemes be brought to fruition, be allowed

to rest for a while, and await the course of

events. Hongkong is growing at a phenom-

enal rate at present, and this development

but in most places there are periods of tem-

porary and comparative stagnation, from

which even this thriving colony has not been

wholly exempt in the past. Shanghai has

for the past few years been stationary, and a

time may come when Hongkong, having

grown too rapidly, may perhaps come to a

halt. However, that may be, the ground

which these proposed reclamations would

give, if supplemented with effective means

of communication to open up land in the

eastern district, would for a few years relieve

the pressure now felt.

The delivery of the French mail was begun

at the following hours yesterday: letters 10.15;

papers 6.30.

The Agent informs us that the Austro-Hun-

garian steamer *Adriatic*, Captain Triest, left

Singapore for this port yesterday morning.

The British steamer *Deiwin*, Commander Boldero,

arrived at Batavia from Hongkong on the 16th

September, and left for the Cape on the 16th

id.

The Indo-China steamer *Wingyang*, which met

with an accident to her machinery on the voyage

to Singapore, arrived safely at the latter

port yesterday morning.

An Indian contemporary says that the delimita-

tion of the frontier between Upper Burma

and China is expected to be undertaken during

the coming cold weather.

It is reported on good authority, says the

Brunel correspondent of the Singapore

Press, which is being now applied to the

Government for a loan of a million and a half

of dollars on the strength of the Protection being

granted.

In another column will be found an advertise-

ment intimating that for an application for

shares in the Triton Assurance Company (Gen-

eral), which is being now applied to the

Government for a loan of a million and a half

of dollars on the strength of the Protection being

granted.

According to the *Hong Kong*, the cruiser

D'Entrecasteaux, which was recently sent to join

the French Squadron in the Eastern seas, has

just passed at night through the Straits of

Malacca, and is bound for the East Indies.

She is the first ship that has made a nocturnal

passage from the Bitter Lakes to Suva.

Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co., agents for the

Canadian Pacific Steam Ship Line, yesterday

received a telegram from London announcing

that a subsidy of \$2,000,000 has been granted for

the construction of a new railway line. This

is, we believe, the amount voted by England,

but Canada proposed to grant one also of \$20,000.

The French transports *Canlon* and *Colombo*

Wu (Singapore Free Press) learn that although

the share list of the Rawang Tin Mining Com-

pany, Limited, does not close until the 1st

October, the application for shares has been

subscribed. The fact speaks thoroughly in favor

of the prospects of an undertaking which has the

advantage of such influential local support.

In the House of Commons on the 23rd August,

in reply to Mr. Hanbury, Sir J. Gorst said:

The jade quarries, which are situated in the

vicinity of the head waters of the Chindwin

river, about 30 miles above Bhamo, were leased

two years ago for 50,000 rupees when we first

occupied Burma, and the trade was entirely in

the hands of Chinese. These have now been

reverted to the Government, and the jade trade

will be managed by the Deputy Commissioners. It

is to be hoped that the Government will

use its utmost to bring this matter to a head

without delay in order that the reclamation

eastward may be carried out at the same time

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